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For : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
PRODUCING BASALTIC FIBERS

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of April 14, 2000, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 8 as follows:

8. (Amended)

Apparatus for producing basaltic fibers, comprising

a basalt receiver [weigher]

a melting furnace having a firing space and a stabilizing section;

a heat exchange connecting the basalt receiver [weigher] to the firing space for preheating basalt which is charged into the melting furnace;

a feeder which receives molten glass from the melting furnace, said feeder being

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